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MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

NURSING HOME GUIDELINE NO. 38

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TO: Administrators, All Nursing Facilities
Local Departments of Social Services

FROM: Charles C. Putnam, Director *C.C.P.*
Medical Assistance Policy Administration

RE: Cost of Aide to Accompany Patients

It has come to our attention that some nursing facilities have been charging their patients, patients' relatives, or others for the cost of aides or escorts to accompany patients to obtain medical services outside the nursing facilities.

This expense is an allowable cost in the determination of the facility's per diem rate, and therefore no charge should be made to the patients, patients' relatives, guardian/sponsors, or other sources for this service.

Also family members or others should not be informed by provider nursing facilities that the family members or others are to assume the responsibility for the above-mentioned function.

Questions regarding this Guideline should be directed to the Staff Specialist, Nursing Home Services, telephone (301) 383-2793.

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